

**Environmental
Protection Agency**

**Governor
Lt. Governor
Director**

October 21, 2011

RE: HOLMES COUNTY
SALT CREEK TOWNSHIP
WEAVER LEATHER, LLC
OHIO EPA PERMIT NO. 3PR00367*BD

Ms. Neena Miller, Vice President
Weaver Leather, LLC
P.O. Box 68
Mt. Hope, OH 44660

Dear Ms. Miller:

On September 27, 2011, a site inspection was conducted at the above referenced facility at 7540 County Road 201, Salt Creek Township, Holmes County. During the inspection, I was accompanied by Dean Stoll of Ohio EPA and Kraig Bucklew of the Holmes County Health Department. The treatment works was represented by you and Steve Miller. The purpose of the inspection was to evaluate the facility's compliance status with respect to the terms and conditions of the facility's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

The 5,000 gallons per day extended aeration plant (treatment works) consists of a 1500 gallon trash trap, 2500 gallon equalization basin, clarifier, 1500 gallon lift station/dosing chamber, surface sand filtration, chlorine disinfection, dechlorination, and post-disinfection aeration. Sludge management consists of sludge removal when needed to another treatment works. The treatment works discharges to an unnamed tributary to Martins Creek.

Observations

The following observations were made during the inspection:

1. The content of the aeration tank had a slight earthy odor, a dark brown color, and foam present. The dark brown color of the mixed liquor and presence of foam are indicative of an old sludge age. Ohio EPA recommends that the treatment works waste sludge.
2. The blowers were running and the treatment works was receiving sufficient aeration and good mixing.
3. Some solids had spilled over the clarifier weir and require removal. The sludge return lines were operating properly at the time of the inspection.
4. Surface sand filters were in good condition.

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5. Chlorination and dechlorination systems were stocked with appropriate chemicals.

NPDES Permit Compliance Review

A review of the electronic discharge self-monitoring reports (eDMR) received by Ohio EPA for the period September 1, 2010 through October 1, 2011, indicates that no violations have occurred.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at your earliest convenience at (330) 963-1118 or via e-mail at chris.moody@epa.ohio.gov.

Sincerely,



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